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Surface Transportation Board 1925 K St. NW Room 700 Washington, D.C. 20423

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Docket No.: FD34797

Dear Sir or Madam:

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We, the owners, management and employees of United Tool & Die Co., Inc., wish to express our extreme disapproval at the proposed plan to put a Transrail waste transfer station in the Olin Chemical site. Since we are directly across the road from the proposed location of this waste transfer site, we are very concerned about the issues that will arise.

First, there is the concern for safety. We are quite dismayed that we will have to be subjected to the possible dangers that hazardous waste will bring to our area. We have been at this current location for over 30 years and now we must be concerned for our health and well-being. This is totally unacceptable to our families and us.

Second, we are worried about the traffic situation. We are located on a small crossroad that already is overburdened with the amount of cars and trucks that pass each day. We are situated by a small railroad bridge that has already seen its share of accidents due to its poor visibility. To add a stream of trucks to this would greatly increase the possibility of increased accidents. In addition, it would increase the flow of traffic of large trucks causing concern of increased accidents, spills and contamination.

Third, we are concerned for additional environmental risks associated with this project. We have already had to deal with all the environmental problems associated with this site and this area. The Olin site already has a long history of ecological problems and to bring this proposal would only increase it dramatically. It has undergone a period of reclamation and clean-up and it would be counter-productive to stop this process and revert to bringing waste to the site.

Fourth, the idea of bringing in hazardous waste is a slap at the concern for public health in the community. Having rail and trucks transport such waste throughout the town would expose the citizens of Wilmington, Tewksbury, Woburn and the surrounding communities to a substantial risk. We do not want our children, ourselves and our elders exposed to such a dangerous situation. We have already seen too many calamities. In addition, the large trucks traveling on our streets and roads provide an increased risk of



motor vehicle accidents, children at risk of being hit by a truck and other similar problems.

Finally, there is the cost that will be attendant with the proposal. There will be increased costs to the town for increased police and fire protection required by the site. There must be a way to control the traffic, accidents and mishaps that will surly come with this new use of the property. There will be the increased cost of oversight and environmental control to make sure that the facility is run and operated in a safe and clean manner. There will be the cost of clean-up when an accident or spill occurs. And it most definitely will occur- its just a matter of time. There are the costs that will arise for maintenance of the streets and roads from the increased traffic of heavy trucks.

We sincerely hope that the board will carefully consider our request that the proposed waste transfer site at the Olin property be denied and that a safer and more reasonable use of the property be considered.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and to our grave concerns.

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